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Mr. Anthony A. Lapham  
General Counsel  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

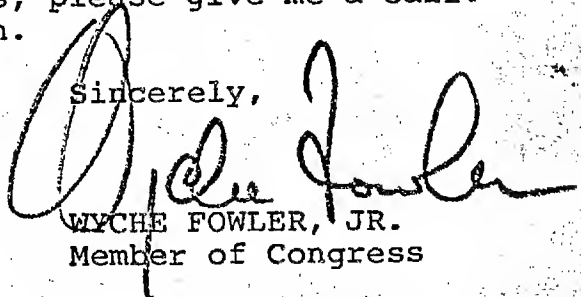
Dear Mr. Lapham:

In his briefing to the Committee on November 30, 1977, Admiral Turner stated that there are some matters which are so sensitive that he would not be able to divulge information concerning them to the Committee. He further stated that his authority to protect intelligence sources and methods was based in law and that it provided him the authority to withhold such information from the Committee.

The Committee staff has been asked to research this subject. Would you please provide the Committee staff the reference to the legislation which authorizes the DCI to withhold intelligence information from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. We would also appreciate it if you would provide references to any court cases, Attorney General opinions, or any other pertinent references which would shed light on this matter.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
WYCHE FOWLER, JR.  
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